



THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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FROM THE RECTOR & WARDENS

Dear Beloved-in-Christ,

Last night, I met with our church wardens Rose and Jody to formally suspend church services at St. Barnabas for the time being. Our decision has been made out of care and compassion for our whole congregation and the wider community as we join the broader effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. While the practice of "social distancing" is in place, please be assured that our collective sense of being a loving and caring congregation will not diminish. Here's how we will continue to "be church" together and embody the eternal truth that, "God is good":

* I am reaching out personally to all our members who are considered most at risk.

* Member Barbara Wright is currently coordinating a pastoral care response team in order that we can all stay connected. So if you get a phone call from a member of the team please know that you are being called "on behalf of St. Barnabas."

* We are switching to on-line church services. To that end, please subscribe to our new YouTube channel "St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Irvington NY to participate in a service of Morning Prayer, with sermon this Sunday at 10am. Also like and follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.

Here's the link to the YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgNFmwq1R86Drytu_acytGA

Here's a link to Morning Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/mp2.html>

Please be assured of my availability as your priest and pastor during these trying days. The church office will be open as usual, Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30am-4pm.

I encourage you to join me in the following prayer for healing and the casting out of fear:

Jesus Christ, you were known as a teacher with extraordinary powers of healing. By word and touch the sick were made well.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, may we experience your healing touch.

By your spirit, heal us.

Be with all leaders of the nations. Give them the wisdom to act with one accord for the well-being of all peoples.

By your spirit, heal us.

Be with all medical professionals called to care for those affected by the coronavirus and thereby putting themselves at risk of infection.

By your spirit, heal us.

Heal those known and unknown who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through accessible testing and medical care.

By your spirit, heal us.

Be with the family, friends and colleagues of those who are sick or dying. In the midst of anxiety and despair, surround them with your light and your love.

By your spirit, heal us.

Receive into your Heavenly Kingdom, those who have died from the coronavirus. May they be held in the hollow of your hand and kept as the apple of our eye.

By your spirit, heal us.

Give us the will to persevere and the spirit of your healing love to cast out fear as you would have us do.

In your holy name we pray. AMEN

A Prayer for Healing to cast out Fear composed by The Rev. Gareth C. Evans, rector St. Barnabas, Irvington NY

With God's help, may we be a blessing to one another and all those whom we are called to care for during these extraordinary times,

Sincerely yours,

Gareth, in concert with Jody and Rose.

Reach the Rector

Call the office (914) 591-8194 to arrange for a home visit, Holy Communion at home or to arrange to meet at church.

For pastoral emergencies call Gareth directly at (617) 930-3728.

The Rector's Sabbath (Day off) is Monday.

ST. BARNABAS AT-A-GLANCE

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED

Fellowship: *Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection, Saturday, 7:30-9am.*

Adult Learning: *"All Set for the Day" conversation about Sunday's Scripture readings every Sunday 9-9.30AM led by the rector in McCormack lounge.*

Children's Formation: Sunday School starts at 9:45 on Sunday with learning beginning at 10am.

Adult Learning: "Church and Kingdom: The Importance of Prayer" led by the rector, following the Coffee Hour, Sunday, Noon-1PM in Colwell Library.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK ARE CANCELLED

Adult Formation: *The Women's Prayer and Meditation* led by Fran Bean Wednesday at 10AM in Luke Chapel.

Adult Learning: *The Mid-Week study group, "Church and Kingdom: The Importance of Prayer,"* Wednesdays at 11AM-Noon in the McCormack Lounge.

Social Justice: *REPAIR meeting* on Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St Paul's on the Hill, Ossining: How do you know whether you're being discriminated against if you never get to see how "the other side" is treated? Investigators from Newsday went undercover to learn how people of various backgrounds were treated by real estate brokers on Long Island. We'll view and discuss the video evidence they found. Snacks served-all welcome!

Fellowship: *Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection* every Saturday, 7:30am-9am in Colwell Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE STATUS OF FUTURE EVENTS TBD

Leadership Development: *Ministry Leadership Summit* for all ministry leaders Saturday, March 28th 9AM-Noon.

Adult Fellowship: *Connected Parenting,* Sunday, March 29th 5:30pm.
Evite: <http://evite.me/zCwTarWXr2>.

Worship: *Easter Day Services* at 8AM and 10AM with Easter Egg hunt following the later service, April 12th.

St. Barnabas Book Group: Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:30pm in McCormack Lounge. The book is *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, by Malcolm X with Arthur Haley. It is just over 450 pages, but we have extra time, since we will not be meeting during Lent. Questions? contact Lea Carmichael Richardson at Paintmoth@gmail.com

Social Justice: *REPAIR road trip* on Saturday morning, April 25: Join us for a family-friendly guided tour of the historic African American Burial Ground in lower Manhattan, the visitors center run by the National Park Service, and other nearby locations associated with New York's history of slavery. Lunch and transportation will be included in the per-person fee of \$30. Sign up at Eventbrite.com: Look for "REPAIR: Hidden History."

JOB POSTING

INTERIM COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

St. Barnabas is seeking a part-time, interim communications coordinator for a 10-to-12-week consulting assignment supporting launch of the first phase of a communications campaign aimed at attracting and retaining new members and generally enhancing knowledge of the church and its programs. This first phase of the campaign will focus on planning and implementation of several quick hit-projects that begin to better establish the church brand in the Irvington and broader Westchester County communities, building name recognition, welcoming newcomers, reinforcing commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, and demonstrating the church's many community-related initiatives benefiting important social causes. The role will report to co-chairs of the Vestry Communications Committee, Pete Williams and Pam Middleton, and support directly several small task forces dedicated to specific areas of communications framed out in an interim strategic plan.

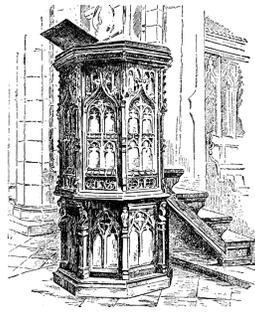
Responsibilities will include co-developing with the committee chairs execution strategies and then implementing activities in the areas of 1) ongoing parish communications (e.g., online newsletter) 2) re-designing the church website 3) improving social media presence and outreach (e.g., building the rector's presence and number of followers) 4) enhancing welcoming procedures for visitors and/or occasional attendees and 5) supporting outreach to print, broadcast and online media related to upcoming church activities. It is estimated the role will involve a 10-hour per week commitment.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree, several years' experience in organizational or institutional communications or marketing, including basic writing and editing skills, project management, direct marketing and website and social media capabilities as well as a propensity for relationship-building and ability to collaborate effectively with a multi-faceted team.

Other key qualifications would include:

- Getting up to speed quickly and hitting the ground running
- Translating facts and activity descriptions into compelling stories and campaigns that help shape perceptions
- Think digital first while also valuing content and visual appeal in development of key print, online and social media materials
- Bring a can-do attitude and strong project management and organizational skills
- Execute with attention to detail and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively, particularly in a virtual environment

Interested applicants should submit their resume, cover letter and fee requirements to Pete Williams, willipe53@gmail.com, and Pam Middleton, pammiddleton1@gmail.com, no later than Friday, March 20.



The Readings

- [Exodus 17:1-7](#)
- [Romans 5:1-11](#)
- [John 4:5-42](#)
- [Psalm 95](#)

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